minium Company's project in Orissa has gone up many times than the original estimated cost ;

(b) if so, what was the original estimated cost and the revised or anticipated cost ;

(c) whether the escalation is due to delay in completion of the various items or due to escalation in the price of machinery and other inputs/inftrasructure; and

(d) by when the project is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) and (b) The original estimated cost of the National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) project at 1980 prices was Rs. 1242·36 crores. The Revised Cost Estimates of the project at 1985 prices is Rs. 2408·14 crores.

(c) The escalation in the project cost is due to the following factors :—

(Rs. in crores)

Inflation	632·76
scope changes (including extra interest burden) . . .	198·90
Quantity Variation . .	55·63
Taxes and Duties . . .	49·73
F.E. Rate Variation . .	(—)54·12
Financing Charges . . .	282·88
Total Variation	1165.78

(d) On present indications the project is practically on schedule and should be completed by September, 1987.

Import of fertilizers

565. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact the fertilizer industry is facing a glut in its marketing operation due to increased production as well as import of fertilizers ;

(b) if so, the details of indigenous production and import made during April-September, 1986;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to stop import to save the industry and valuable foreign exchange ; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZER IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU) : (a) to (d) During the period April-September 1986, 30·61 lakh tonnes of fertilizers nutrients were produced in the country. In addition , 12·17 lakh tonnes of imported fertilizer nutrients were received during the same period. Due to unfavourable weather conditions in many parts of the country, the consumption of fertilizers during the Kharif Season fell short of initial expectations. The availability of fertilizers in the market at present, therefore, is more than what is required for meeting the demand of the farmers. Keeping this situation in view, the programme for import of fertilizers has been reduced.

Expansion of IRDP

566. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOUDHURY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to enlarge the scope of IRDP in view of the new 20 Point programme ?